

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1, 3, 12, 38-40, and 49 to read as shown:

- Q1
1. (Amended) A cordless blind comprising:
a headrail;
a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord;
a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;
a drive actuator including:

a spring motor,
a spool coupled to the spring motor and having a first axis,
a first tensioning mechanism having a second axis, and
a second tensioning mechanism having a third axis,

wherein the first and second tensioning mechanisms are configured to provide a resistant force on movement of the first and second cords, and wherein the first, second and third axes are parallel.

- Q2
3. (Amended) The cordless blind of Claim 1, wherein the spring motor includes a storage drum having a fourth axis, an output drum having a fifth axis, and a spring member coupled to the storage drum and the output drum, wherein the fourth and fifth axes are parallel to the first, second and third axes.
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12. (Amended) A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;

a drive actuator including:

a spool,

a spring motor coupled to the spool,

a biasing element coupled to the spring motor and configured to provide a force biased against movement of the bottom rail, and

a bias adjustment mechanism coupled to the biasing element, the bias adjustment mechanism being configured to provide a selective variable application of a biasing force by the biasing element.

38. (Amended) A blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail suspended from the headrail;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;

a spring motor being adapted to apply a force to the bottom rail in the direction of the headrail;

means for applying a varying amount of weight to the bottom rail to counterbalance the force of the spring motor, the amount of weight applied to the bottom rail being adapted to maintain the bottom rail in a given position with respect to the headrail.

39. (Amended) The blind of Claim 38, wherein the means for applying the varying amount of weight to the bottom rail include a tape made from a relatively dense material attached to the bottom rail.